

# Students Honored at the 13th Annual Delaware Day Fourth Grade Competition Ceremony

Delaware Secretary of State Jeffrey Bullock congratulated over 200 fourth grade students and their parents, in attendance from across the state, for their participation in the 13th Annual Delaware Day Fourth Grade Competition during the award ceremony celebrated December 6, 2014 at the Delaware Public Archives in Dover.

The awards are named in honor of Delaware's five signers of the U. S. Constitution: Jacob Broom, Richard Bassett, Gunning Bedford, Jr., John Dickinson and George Read. The awards were given to the schools with the most creative and historically accurate projects. Honorable mention awards were given to 16 schools for their participation. A total of 26 schools participated in this year's competition.

"Delaware Day is a great time to learn about the important history of our state," said Secretary Bullock. "I was so impressed with the work of the fourth graders from across the state who contributed projects to the competition, and congratulate them on a job well done."

The winners of the 2014 Delaware Day Fourth Grade Competition are:

- **George Read Award:** William C. Lewis Dual Language Elementary School – Wilmington
- **Gunning Bedford, Jr. Award (Tie):** Bunker Hill Elementary School – Middletown  
North Star Elementary School – Hockessin
- **John Dickinson Award:** North Dover Elementary School – Dover
- **Richard Bassett Award:** Frederick Douglass Elementary

School – Seaford

- **Jacob Broom Award** (Tie): Christ the Teacher School – Newark

Wilmington Friends School – Wilmington

Students were given two months to prepare an informative and artistic four-panel display on Delaware's role in the creation and ratification of the U.S. Constitution. The students were allowed to let their creative ideas flow and the displays contained a range of expressive techniques including artwork, poetry, songs and political cartoons. Representatives from the Department of State judged 27 projects focusing on three main areas: historical accuracy, spelling and creativity.

This year marked the 81st anniversary of the adoption of December 7 as Delaware Day. On this day, since 1933, the governors of Delaware have officially recognized when Delaware became the first state to ratify the Federal Constitution in 1787.

For more information, visit the [Annual Delaware Day Competition](#) webpage or call (302) 736-7400.